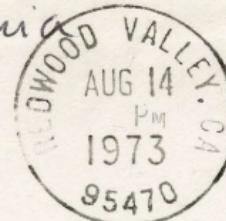


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Dear Mom and Dad,

Howdy doody. Everyone here would say hi but they are all on vacation with the church. I am staying in town with one of the ladies in the church. She is a little older than Carolyn. She works at juvenile hall with the youth there. I don't know if she's a P.O. or a counselor or what. She's good with children though. She has 4 little boys living with her along with two older girls. Her husband is an elementary school teacher and is also great with children. He is the children's choir director. One of her little boys is a mixed race and to let you know how people are up here, at work they ask her "How is your little nigger son?" This area of California is really racist. On dress up day at the high school summer school these girls told me how a girl came in a white hood and sheet and thought it was so funny. On the 4th of July, the Redwood Valley people dressed up as Klux Klan. I just found out the other day that Redwood

is the home of the minutemen but they cleared  
out of here when we came and moved to Oregon,

Well, I've been working at my new job  
now at the pear sheds. I wish I could drive  
a fork lift. That's not heavy work at all.  
I don't know why you thought that. The  
work I do is much harder than that  
that the other boys do. Us girls have to  
make boxes which sounds easy but you have  
to really produce. I work with crates until  
it is time to switch to boxes. It pays \$2<sup>00</sup>  
an hour whereas I was getting only \$1<sup>65</sup> at  
the convalescent hospital. I may go over to  
Boise Cascade, some other factory and be a fork  
lift driver. Some girl told me they wanted  
girl fork lift drivers there. Don't worry about  
this work being too hard for me. If I didn't  
have a job I don't know what I would do  
with all that extra time.

That's too bad you're having so much trouble  
with Vince. He probably hasn't had the  
upbringing that most white people have had.  
Along with having many emotional problems  
that any black person would have, he  
probably resents your house as he has  
probably never had any of the "things" That

you have nor has had the same kind of food  
and other comforts that he has with you  
His sexual fantasies are probably no different  
than any boy his age since most boys are  
homosexual at that age anyway.

Willie had a nice run today. He got off  
his chain and had some freedom for awhile.  
He ran to the creek and had a nice swim.  
He sure is a happy fellow now. Maybe he can  
be off his chain now. He didn't go anywhere  
near the highway. He went straight to the  
creek and he came when I called him.

Thank you for the \$10<sup>00</sup>. I can always use  
it for my college education or something. I  
have some money saved up, but not much, since  
I don't get paid much. I'll be making more  
now.

I sewed up the material for my purse so  
now I have a new purse. It looks really  
pretty I think. I'm getting all ready for  
nursing school. It's getting exciting thinking  
about it. The uniforms are  
sure expensive,  
It totaled  
around \$50.  
They sure do



make a profit when they get new nursing students. We took urine tests in my physiology class the other day. Mine was normal.

Lots of people from the church work at the pear sheds with me so I'm not all alone. It's really nice. I never saw so many pears in my whole life. It's interesting knowing how everything works and how a factory works. All the students from Ukiah work there. I think the foreman (or fore lady since she's a woman) was surprised because I worked so well the first night, so I didn't have to go home early then.

Well I'm going to take a nap now. I don't know my plans for when I get out of summer school yet but I know I won't be able to come down again at least until school is out because I work 6 days a week.

So I'll go now.

Love,  
Annie